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(54) Diagnostic markers of acute coronary syndromes and methods of use thereof

(57) The present invention relates to a method of diagnosing myocardial ischemia in a patient, the method comprising: determining a level of N-terminal B-type natriuretic peptide (NT pro-BNP) in a sample obtained from said patient; determining a level of at least two further diagnostic markers in a sample obtained from said patient, wherein one of the at least two further diagnostic markers is an inflammatory marker and the other one of

the at least two further diagnostic markers is an ischemic marker, and correlating the level of NT pro-BNP and of said at least two further diagnostic markers to the presence or absence of myocardial ischemia in said patient. The invention also relates to kit for diagnosing myocardial ischemia in a patient and/or for determining a prognosis of a patient diagnosed with acute coronary syndrome.



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